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SUBJ: POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH INDIA

1. CONGEN MADRAS REPORTS THAT DMK CHIEF MINISTER KARUNANIDHI, SPEAKING AT DMK CONFERENCE IN THENI, NEAR MADURAI, 8/29, STATED THAT THE "EMERGENCY IS GOOD", AND CRITICIZED STAND OF DRAVIDA KAZHAGAM (PRECURSOR OF DMK) FAVORING SECESSION. HE WELCOMED ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SMUGGLERS, BLACKMARKETEERS, AND BOOTLEGGERS SINCE IMPOSITION OF EMERGENCY. "THEREFORE WE SAY THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS GOOD. WE WANT TO DO MORE GOOD IN ADDITION TO WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY." (COMMENT: DMK NOW SEEMS TO HAVE SHIFTED AWAY ALMOST COMPLETELY FROM ANTI-EMERGENCY POSTURE IT ADOPTED IN LATE JUNE, EVEN THOUGH KARUNANIDHI CLAIMS HIS RECENT STATEMENTS ARE MERELY A LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP OF PARTY'S EARLIER STAND.)

2. KARUNANIDHI MENTIONED TO PRESSMEN IN MADURAI ON AUGUST 29 THAT HE WOULD MEET THE PRIME MINISTER DURING THE "FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER" IN NEW DELHI. (COMMENT: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE INFORMS US THAT DATE HAS NOT

BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT THAT IT WILL BE AFTER SEPTEMBER 5.)
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